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SUBJECT: PARIS MEETING ON AFRICA

1. SUMMART: FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL HELD
ORGANIZATIONAL PREVIEW OF JUNE 5 ZAIRE-SHABA MEETING
WITH REPRESENTATION BY BRITISH, BELGIAN, FRG
AMBASSADORS AND US (DCM). FRENCH ENVISAGE MEETING
AS GENERIC LOOK AT ENTIRE AFRICAN THREAT AND TO CONCERT
WESTERN AID INCLUDING SECURITY, TO LAY ON ARRANGEMENTS
FOR RESPONSE TO FUTURE SHABA-TYPE DESTABILIZATIONS, AND
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TO ASSIST AN AFRICAN COLLECTIVE DEFENSE CAPABILITY.
EMPHASIS IS LARGELY ON SECURITY, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY
OF JUNE 5 COMMUNIQUE OR DECLARATION TO SERVE AS A
DISSUASION TO FUTURE KATANGAN-CUBAN-SOVIET CAPERS.
END SUMMART.

2. QUAI SECRERY GENERAL SOUTOU, WHO WILL HEAD FRENCH

DELEGATION TO THE MONDAY ZAIRE MEETING, CONVOKED AMBASSADORS FROM THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (US, FRG, BELGIUM, UK) TO DISCUSS HOW FRENCH SEE THE MEETING DEVELOPING.

3. SOUTOU EPLAINED THAT GOF SEES THREE ASPECTS TO THE MEETING: (1) A CONCERTATION ON WHAT EUROPE AND US AID CAN DO TO HELP AFRICANS ASSURE THEIR SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT. HE STRESSED THAT WITHOUT SECURITY THERE IS NO DEVELOPMENT. SINCE ZAIRE IS THE INSTANT CASE, IT WILL PE THE MOST IMMEDIATE QUESTIONS UNDER THE RUBRIC, NAMELY HOW TO SECURE SECURITY AND HOW TO STOP THE HEMORRAGE IN THE ZAIRIAN ECONOMY. HE INDICATED THE FRENCH PLANNING AND HE ASKED FOR BELGIAN PARTICIPATION IN A MILITARY BRIEFING ON WHAT WAS FOUND IN SHABA RE ARMAMENTS, TRAINING AND PARTICIPATION ON THE KATANGAN SIDE.

4. SECOND BROAD TOPIC WILL INCLUDE WHAT MEETING PERCEIVES AS APPROPRIATE WESTERN RESPONSE TO ANY FUTURE SHABA-TYPE DESTABILIZATION. THIRD TOPIC WILL BE CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATE EURO-AMERICAN AID TO A COLLECTIVE OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO ARE ORGANIZING THEIR MUTUAL DEFENSE, NOT AS AN INTEGRATED MILITARY ALLIANCE BUT RATHER AS DESIGNATED TROOP UNITS IN EACH COUNTRY AVAILABLE FOR FIRE BRIGADE RESPONSE.

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5. ON ECONIC TOPIC, WHICH WAS CLEARLY PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE IN FRENCH THINKING, HE NOTED THAT FROMENT-MEURICE, QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, WOULD BE MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION AND WELCOMED INFORMAL WORD THAT UNDER SECRETARY COOPER MIGHT ATTEND. HE NOTED THAT THE 14 MONTHS GAINED BY THE MOROCCAN EFFORT IN APRIL 1977 HAD NOT BEEN MADE USE OF IN REHABILITATING THE ZAIRIAN ECONOMY. SOUTOU SUGGESTED THAT ALL MEANS FOR IMPROVING THE IDENTIFICATION AND RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUAL WESTERN AID EFFORTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, INCLUDING ALSO THE GISCARD FUND.

6. TURNING TO QUESTION OF PRESS COVERAGE OF THE JUNE 5 MEETING, SOUTOU EXPRESSED STRONG VIEW FOR A COMMUNIQUE OR DECLARATION WHICH WOULD DEMONSTRATE WESTERN WILL AND READINESS TO RESPOND TO ZAIRIAN AND ANY OTHER DESTABILIZATIONS. STRESSING THIS WAS PERSONAL VIEW, HE LAID OUT FRENCH BELIEF THAT THERE IS NEED TO REASSURE WESTERN CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS IN ZAIRE TO KEEP THEM THERE AND VIABLE) AND TO DISSUADE FUTURE INCURSIONS. PUBLICITY IS AN IMPORTANT

PART OF BOTH REASSURANCE AND DISSUATION, HE EMPHASIZED
HE ALSO
MENTIONED THE DETERRENT AFFECT OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT
FRENCH TROOPS COULD RETURN IN THE FUTURE.

7. ASSEMBLY OF RELIABLE AFRICAN TROOP CONTINGENTS IN
SHABA TO REPLACE FRENCH AND BELGIANS WAS MENTIONED
ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS. TO DCM'S QUERY WHETHER
AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS HAD INDICATED ADHERENCE, HE REPLIED
MOROCCO AND AT LEAST THREE OTHERS WERE FIRM BUT DEFERRED
FULL DISCUSSION UNTIL JUNE 5 MEETING. TO FURTHER US
PROBE WHETHER GOF ENVISAGED FRENCH PARATROOPERS RE-
ANING AT LEAST THROUGH WEEK OF JUNE 5 AND UNTIL
AFRICAN REPCEMENTS ARE ON THE SCENE, HE REPLIED IN THE
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AFFIRMATIVE. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT FRENCH MAY BE
PLANNING ONLY LIMITED EARLY WITHDRAWALS OF PARATROOPERS,
POSSIBLY IN TIME TO BE GREETED BY GISCARD ON HIS THREE-
DAY TOUR OF CORSICA JUNE 7-9.

8. SOUTOU INDICATED PRIVATELY TO US THAT FRENCH WOULD
RESPOND TO OUR QUESTIONS REGARDING FRENCH RETROGRADE
MOVEMENTS AND AFRICAN REPLACEMENTS, WHICH WE HAD
PASSED TO FRANCOIS-FONCET, IN A SEPARATE CHANNEL.

9. IT WAS CLEAR FROM SOUTOU'S PRESENTATION THAT ONLYT
THE FIVE COUNT
RIES PRESENT -- FRANCE, UK, BELGIUM, FRG,
US -- WERE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE MEETING. DELEGATIONS
ARE NOT YET FIRM EXCEPT FOR FRENCH AND BELGIAN, AND
SOUTOU ASKED THAT OTHERS BE PHONED TO QUAI IN THE
COURSE OF FRIDAY. FRENCH DELEGATION WILL BE SECRETARY
GENERAL SOUTOU, DIRECTOR AFRICAN AND MALAGASY AFFAIRS
GEORGY, ELYSEE AFRICAN ADVISOR JOURNIAC, DIRECTOR
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FROMENT-MEURICE AND A NOTETAKER FROM
GEORGY'S BUREAU. BELGIANS WILL BE CAHEN AND ONGELINXX
FROM MINISTER'S CABINET, PLUS LEBRUN AND BELGIAN
POLITICAL COUNSELOR HERE IN PARIS. NO CHANGE IN FRG
AND UK DELEGATION LEADERSHIP BUT OTHER MEMBERS NOT YET
IDENTIFIED.

10. BRITAIN REQUESTED THAT MEETING BEGIN AT 11:30 TO
SIMPLIFY THEIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND, ABSENT PROTEST,
THIS WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED, ALTHOUGH SOUTOU NOTED THAT
THE LATER THE START THE LATER THE ADJOURNMENT. FOLLOW-
ING 11:30 SESSION A WORKING LUNCH WILL BE HOSTED BY
SOUTOU AND THEN FURTHER SESSION AS LATE AS NECESSARY.

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11. DCM DREW SOUTOU'S ATTENTION PRIVATELY TO DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN'S AND SECRETARY'S DIFFERING EMPHASES ON THE
JUNE 5 MEETING, NOTING THAT SECRETARY HAD PLACED THE
EMPHASIS ON PREPARATION FOR THE JUNE 13-14 BRUSSELS
ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN
ENDORSED BY GUIRINGAUD. HARTMAN. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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